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## ***HETERANTHERA DUBIA*** **WATER STAR-GRASS**

Water Star-grass is a submerged or partially floating, perennial with long, flaccid stems that root at the nodes. The alternate, linear leaves are 7-15 cm long and have membranous wings at the base that clasp the stem. The usually solitary flowers are borne on stalks that elongate out of a tubular sheath that is borne in the upper leaf axils. Each small, yellow flower has 3 narrow petals and 3 similar sepals that are ca. 5 mm long, on a slender tube that is 2-4 cm long and which appears to be a continuation of the stalk. Flowers float on the surface of the water. The fruit is a many-seeded capsule. Flowering in August.

Species of *POTAMOGETON* have leaves with a distinct midrib, while leaves of *HETERANTHERA DUBIA* have veins but lack a distinct midvein. *POTAMOGETON* also have flowers in spikes rather than solitary.